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USAF aims to sell divert plan anew

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The U.S. Air Force aims to renew talks for a divert airfield on Saipan despite a local ports authority resolution opposing one on Saipan, as Air Force officials believe the new set of facts contained in a revised environmental impact statement due next month will put forth new and attractive alternatives for the CNMI's consideration.

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Q&A: What's up with the budget and why should we care?

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Government agencies and employees are bracing to go over a fiscal year cliff less than 13 days away, without a budget in place to secure government services and paychecks past Oct. 1, the beginning of fiscal year 2016.

The onus is on the Legislature to agree on a budget bill for Gov. Eloy S. Inos' consideration in time before a partial government shutdown. Here are some questions

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\$1M OK'd for NMC repairs

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House lawmakers directed yesterday local scholarship money to fund about \$1 million in repairs to the damaged Northern Marianas College campus after Typhoon Soudelor tore off building roofs, left facilities inoperable, and exposed rooms to rain and mold last month.

House Local Bill 19-10 will give \$1 million to NMC to repair its damaged buildings, according to Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan), author of the amendment that moved the \$1 million to NMC. It will require the college president to submit quarterly reports

on the use of these funds. It also sets the college president as the expenditure authority.

"It was very precise, and it's not reprogrammable," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

The bill did not pass without lengthy debate over the source of the \$1 million—lapsed funds belonging to the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Program.

Discussion took most of the Saipan and Northern Island Delegation's time before lawmakers passed the bill unanimously.

"According to Finance, they had over \$4 million of lapsed funds," said Guerrero after the session.

"I truly agree with the chairman of SHEFA on the importance of giving additional funding to the kids," Guerrero said, noting reports that SHEFA may require students to attend NMC for the first year of college, and also possibly raise semester scholarships from \$800 to \$1200.

"...But NMC is in a state of calamity right now with the damaged roof for a couple of their buildings," Guerrero said. "If NMC cannot repair that, what kind of schooling will be imposed on the kids?"

"Absent the repairs to those buildings, is the safety of NMC students going to be compromised?"

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IT&E drops its lawsuit against CPUC

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has dismissed the lawsuit filed by IT&E against the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission for approving the application of Guam-based telecommunications company GTA Services to set up shop in the CNMI.

Wiseman on Tuesday dismissed without prejudice IT&E's lawsuit after the Micronesian Telecommunications Corp., owner of IT&E, moved

for the voluntary dismissal of the case.

Dismissal without prejudice means IT&E can re-file the case in the future.

Attorney Victorino DLG. Torres, counsel for IT&E, and IT&E general counsel Steven Carrara filed in court a notice of voluntary dismissal of the lawsuit.

Torres and Carrara did not explain the reason behind the voluntary dismissal.

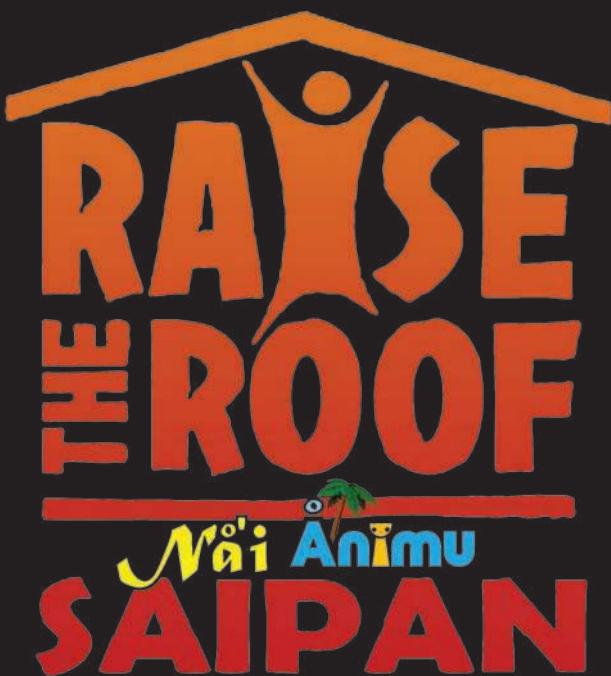
In its lawsuit, IT&E asked

the court to be allowed to intervene in CPUC's proceedings concerning GTA's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. It also asked the court to stay CPUC's Oct. 17, 2011, order that granted GTA its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Attorney Anthony Long, then CPUC counsel, filed in 2012 a motion to dismiss IT&E's petition for lack of jurisdiction. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Last day today to pledge for Raise the Roof

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Organizers of Raise the Roof are still seeking for more pledgers on their last day of fundraising today to help their three beneficiaries who are leading recovery efforts on Saipan following Typhoon Soudelor.

According to planning committee lead Roxanne Diaz, they were able to raise more than \$40,000 of pledges since they launched two weeks ago.

"We're still calling out for pledgers. The last pledger can come in at 11:59pm and we're

also selling \$1-tickets for the raffle," Diaz said.

"We're hopeful that we'll have more who'll confirm. There are some companies who have confirmed but have yet to inform us of the amount that they are pledging," she added.

Aside from pledges, Raise the Roof started selling dollar-worth raffle tickets to raise funds after Delta Air Lines donated two plane tickets to Japan.

They also received gift certificates from Judy's, which they will also raffle along with

the airline ticket.

Diaz said they were able to sell more than 1,000 tickets.

"We're going to raffle it at KKMP on Friday. We will be announcing that and also going out and recognizing the final list of pledges," Diaz said.

They also sold shirts, proceeds of which will also be given to the beneficiaries.

Raise the Roof's goal was to raise \$100,000 for the benefit of the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, United4Saipan, and the American Red Cross.

For U4S, they have shifted their work as the needs of the community also shifted but they continue to provide for residents who need help.

"Last Saturday, we ended bulk distribution into villages, and our next phase of volunteer relief will focus primarily on safe shelter for families.

We will continue distributing tents and cots as available in partnership with CERT, and will now direct our efforts on home cleanups and securing temporary roofs for families who have the greatest need for assistance to make their dwelling and sleeping areas safe before rebuilding can begin," Jenny Hegland of U4S said.

Diaz acknowledged and thanked their donors, pledgers and volunteers who helped their fundraising, especially Skywalker Communications Group who paid for the expenses of their project.

"Nevertheless, in terms of the amount that we raised, I'm glad that there is still continued support for our disaster relief," Diaz said.

To make a pledge, email RaiseTheRoofSaipan@gmail.com or contact 484-6976.

BUDGET

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and answers about this dire situation.

Q: What does a shutdown mean for the CNMI?

A: Close calls with the fiscal year deadline were a repeated thing in the 2000s, as the Legislature and governor failed to pass a budget by the Sept. 30 deadline for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006, legislative records show. However, the first government shutdown rocked the CNMI during Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's time in 2010.

Saipan Tribune reported at that time that some 1,464 non-essential employees did not receive their paychecks when the government shutdown was in effect. With about 4,000 employees at that time, including federally funded positions, the government only paid for its most essential services.

Those who wouldn't get paid include the governor, legislators, and employees deemed non-critical or non-essential. They will continue to be unpaid until such time that the Legislature passes a budget bill and Inos enacts the bill into law.

Also, the budget law won't

be retroactive. That means employees who are forced to stop working won't be paid for the days they didn't report for work.

Q: What about a continuing resolution? The U.S Congress does it all the time.

A: Not so fast. A continuing resolution essentially allows the government to operate on a budget formula based on the previous fiscal year and thus continue services and paychecks even without a new fiscal year budget approved.

But the 16th Legislature, via House Legislative Initiative 16-11, amended the NMI Constitution to prohibit the withdrawal of funds from the general fund without an appropriation made by law. The initiative removed the ability of the government to go on continuing resolution in the absence of a budget. It allowed for the shutdown of government offices except for essential health, safety, and welfare services.

That initiative passed with 6,309 "yes" votes to 4,444 "no" votes in 2009, according to Commonwealth Election Commission records.

Q: So what deadlines did we blow?

A: The Inos administration submitted last March 30 a budget proposal of \$145.8 million,

narrowly beating its constitutional mandate to submit a budget to the Legislature by April 1.

The Legislature is mandated to pass a budget bill before the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. It can submit one right on Sept. 29 and still meet its constitutional responsibility. Even if late, the NMI Constitution gives Inos 20 days after the Legislature passes a budget to approve and sign the budget plan into law.

Q: What's all the fuss about?

A: Debate among lawmakers has mostly centered on how senators propose to fund their "activity" within their version of the budget, as some House representatives put it.

To fund their provisions, senators propose to move money from the local hospital's utility subsidy—which the House objects to—along with money for public streetlights. But the Senate maintains that this can be made up for by directing the Marianas Visitors Authority to "modify" its program budget to the tune of some \$2.5 million that will be directed to the Divisions of Customs for some equipment and the local hospital for utilities.

The House, though, rejected this on Tuesday. They were ready to agree on principle to

direct MVA to modify its budget, but were not ready to agree on the details.

Q: What are the Senate's amendments?

A: The House committee originally adopted a budget; it headed to the Senate, and came back with some amendments, among others, that were rejected by the House, forcing the need to create a bicameral budget committee to resolve their difference.

Here are some of the Senate provisions:

■ Increasing the salaries for department heads on Rota and Tinian from \$36,000 to \$45,000;

■ Increasing Rota and Tinian budget from \$500,000 to \$600,000;

■ Boosting the leadership accounts of the House and Senate from the originally proposed \$179,387;

■ Raising the annual salary of Tinian and Rota deputy commissioners to \$45,000 per annum;

■ Increasing the \$54,000 salary of the special assistant for management and budget/CIP administrator to "not less than \$62,000";

■ Increasing from \$70,000 to \$80,000 the salaries of Public School System associate commissioners.

RED CROSS

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nate duplicates calls, which lessened it by about 3,000.

However, a resident, who declined to disclose his name, complained to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he still hasn't received assistance from Red Cross more than a month after registering.

"I called many times and went to their office and they just told me to wait," the Kagman resident said.

He said he was being "discriminated" and being treated in a "not reasonable way," especially when a Red Cross representative told him they are no longer giving out financial assistance.

"If they didn't have enough funds, why did they give \$400 to others? Why not give \$100 or \$200?" the resident asked.

He said his roof was blown off during the typhoon—much like some of his friends who were able to get Red Cross assistance.

He was also found ineligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance.

Red Cross not closed

Now that they're done with their casework, Red Cross is following up and checking those that they might have missed, according to Hirsh.

"If there's someone who fell between the cracks, or we never got back to, or we made a mistake, we want to know about those people and we want to try

to help them and what we're going to do with them depends on what their emergency needs are right now," he said.

"If people have an emergency need that haven't been met yet, we want to talk to these people," he added.

Hirsh said they are very carefully looking at those who need financial assistance.

"If we see that there is a compelling reason to provide additional financial assistance at this point, then we will go ahead and do that," he said.

Hirsh pointed out that there were also cases when some members of the same household already received assistance.

"Sometimes we had a lot of people, so-and-so didn't get assistance, but when we go to that house, the son who was living in the house got assistance, not the head of the household," he said.

However, Hirsh said he wants to know about anyone who feels they didn't get properly served by the Red Cross so they would be able to work on it with their casework team.

"There's never a situation where I'm not going to call someone back. What we're going to do is look closely at what we've done on our side, is this person on our list, did we really have an appointment with them, and if the answer is yes, and for some reason, we made a mistake or we didn't get to this person, we need to go visit them," Hirsh said.

"The door is never closed or locked for the Red Cross. We, the local chapter, [are] here, we will always be here," he added.

the Board of Parole and the Precinct 5 basketball court.

NMC officials and the SHEFA board chairman were present during yesterday's session. The college presented footage showing their damaged campus.

NMC earlier reported that out of the 18 buildings that sustained damage from the storm, four are inoperable.

USAF

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Over a year ago, the Commonwealth Ports Authority rejected the siting of the Air Force's divert project on Saipan, endorsing Tinian instead, and asserting that they would not support an "airport layout plan" for the Saipan airport inclusive of divert activities.

Since CPA owns the property, the Air Force needs the port authority to submit an ALP for the Federal Aviation Administration's approval. CPA also would have to lease to the military required lands for the divert project.

These facts, or limiting factors, put the onus on the Air Force to be as collaborative and open with their plans as they move forward with a revised project that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency earlier rated as "insufficient" for "severe" noise impacts, among others.

Col. Michael R. Cardoza, USAF Chief of Strategy and Plans Division, said the feedback from the CNMI resulted in a "reduced scope they will see in the revised EIS."

This revised EIS is set for release in October—about seven months after U.S. Department of Defense officials introduced among CNMI leaders last February a "hybrid" plan to have the divert airfield on both Tinian and Saipan. That "hybrid" plan came about five months after the CPA resolution and assured a "de-confliction" with civil and military activity.

"We think the CPA will find the new alternatives to be attractive options that represent a true middle ground between the initial positions of both parties," said Cardoza in an email yesterday.

"The Air Force has made significant reductions to the scope of the initiative, in an attempt to mitigate potential impacts of the original proposal. Fighter aircraft and their associated munitions have been completely eliminated. This means the only remaining aircraft are refueling and mobility aircraft, which are similar to the commercial airlines flying into Saipan today," Cardoza said.

"Also, expected planned exercise flights have been reduced by more than 60 percent. Most importantly, we have developed a hybrid op-

eration that distributes operations between the two alternative locations, minimizing the impacts to Saipan and locating the majority of development on Tinian, a desire expressed by the CPA board and other stakeholders."

Air Force officials have said "noise contour levels would shrink considerably" in the new proposal, as there are no longer plans for fighter activity. The Air Force would instead fly tanker aircraft.

In his email, Cardoza emphasized that the EIS is not a decision-making document. That would be the "Record of Decision" signed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

"We will continue to analyze the alternatives to inform that decision. While the CPA resolution does not prevent us from completing our revised EIS, it will need to be re-addressed at the appropriate time with the CPA board. We look forward to working in a cooperative manner to find a solution that is acceptable to all parties."

"As we progress, our desire is to be open, transparent, and responsive," he added.

In a interview yesterday, Rep. Joseph "Leepan" Guerrero (R-Saipan), who chairs the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, expressed concern that the reduced scope of operations could be expanded on at a later date.

Saipan Tribune learned that this could be done in a supplemental EIS, after the initial project is improved. Also, DoD projects in the CNMI have expanded in other EIS's for live-fire and undersea sonar training, years after earlier and separate EIS approved smaller training.

"The need for military presence here within this region is of vital importance," Guerrero said, "[but] we want assurance from the military that when you say this...you don't mean something else. C-130 aircraft are going to be stationed here and no jets. If you want jets, then let's come to the table and let's talk about jets."

"...You said training was at this hour, make sure it's that hour, that there is no extended hours, and no special training that is not on the agenda."

"Let's not make some changes drastically," Guerrero said.

mised? I think so. Those buildings need to be repaired."

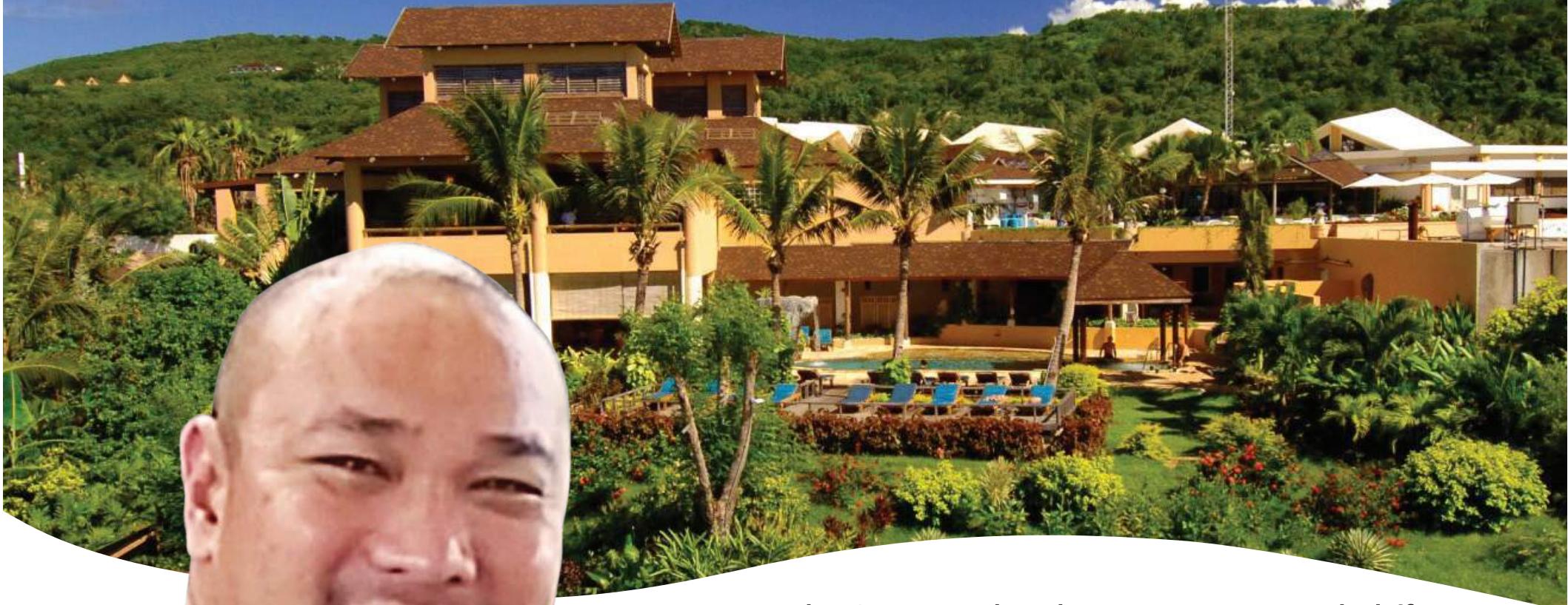
"We are only asking the chairman be mindful of the state of condition NMC is in," Guerrero added.

The bill also moves funds to

\$1M

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Members of the CNMI: CARE meet with their subcommittees after their general meeting last Tuesday at the Office of the Governor's conference room. AmeriCorps and other government agencies also attended the meeting.

AmeriCorps assists CARE with long-term recovery plans

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Members of the AmeriCorps program are currently on island to assist the newly formed CNMI: CARE in its long-term recovery efforts on Saipan following Typhoon Soudelor.

A team of 10 AmeriCorps members from off-island recently arrived on island and took part in a CARE meeting last Tuesday at the Governor's Office. Some government departments also joined the meeting.

"The members that have come are from Texas and Minnesota," AmeriCorps emergency response team program manager Megan Helton said. "[Our mission is] to help to stand up some volunteer management and volunteer organizations for the long term."

The team will be on island for 30 days.

"Right now we're capturing data and information and trying to compile some report so that as long-term recovery committee moves forward, they have some data to use to apply for

grants for additional funding of the organizations," Helton said.

Based on the information collected, over \$1.038 million worth of goods and monetary donations were given directly to organizations in response to Typhoon Soudelor.

Aside from AmeriCorps, the Department of Public Works and Department of Public Safety joined the CARE meeting.

According to Matt Deleon Guerrero, chief of staff of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the government agencies are not necessarily members of CARE, which is composed of the non-government groups and organizations.

The Lieutenant Governor's Office was recently tasked by Gov. Eloy S. Inos to be the primary agency in coordinating governmental support and assistance to CARE.

"This is kind of an 'all-hands-on-deck' kind of thing and so we're trying to reach out," Deleon Guerrero said. "We're not necessarily members but we're assisting the process."

Tropical storm watch is now hoisted in Northern Islands

A tropical storm watch remains in effect for Alamagan, Pagan and Agrihan in the Northern Islands as Tropical Storm Krovanh nears typhoon strength.

According to the latest information on Tropical Storm Krovanh—as received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center—tropical storm conditions, including tropical storm force winds of 39 mph or more, are possible within 24 hours.

As of 4pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Storm Krovanh was located by satellite about 125 miles east-northeast of Agrihan, 155 miles northeast of Pagan, 170 miles north-northeast of Alamagan, and 340 miles north-northeast of Saipan.

Tropical Storm Krovanh is west-northwest at 15 mph, and this motion is expected to continue with a turn toward the north by Friday, with little change in forward speed. This track was projected to take Krovanh within 110 miles northeast of Agrihan shortly after midnight last night.

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	Forward-Facing Car Seat												
				Booster Seat									
										Seat Belt			

REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

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1 - 3 Years

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4 - 7 Years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

8 - 12 Years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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IN REQUEST TO SET ASIDE 2002 ATTEMPTED RAPE CONVICTION

Moots: Then-AG didn't initiate deportation proceedings

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Former assistant public defender Jeffrey A. Moots has disclosed that the CNMI government did not initiate removal proceedings against convicted Federated States of Micronesia citizen Seremea Issy Nowell during Pamela Brown-Blackburn's term as attorney general.

Brown-Blackburn, now counsel for Nowell, is asking the Superior Court to set aside Nowell's 2002 conviction for attempted rape because his then-counsel Moots allegedly failed to advise him that his guilty plea will make him deportable from the CNMI.

In his *amicus curiae* filing, Moots said during the six years he practiced in both the Office of the Public Defender and the Office of the Attorney General, he was not aware of anyone being deported based on that person being convicted of a qual-

Fearing for her life, mom seeks cops' help against alleged drug user son

Fearing for her life, a mother sought the police's help against her son who allegedly turns violent whenever under the influence of illegal drugs.

The mother said that Nestor Camacho Taitano would scream at night or come home early morning and talk to himself. She said she is scared to stay at her house in Dandan, believing that her son might hurt her or even kill her.

Police acted on the mother's plea for help and arrested the 40-year-old Taitano on Monday morning for criminal mischief and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a \$2,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 25 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Taitano. Assistant attorney general Matt Baisley appeared for the government.

Police said that two officers responded to a residence in San Vicente on Monday at 7:39pm after the victim called for help.

When the officers arrived at the scene, they saw several objects scattered in front of the house. They also saw a machete stuck on the screen window of the garage and could hear loud music coming from one of the rooms.

The officers walked over to the window of a room where the loud music was coming from and saw Taitano sleeping on the bed. The officers tried to wake up Taitano but he did not respond.

A car later came and three women, including Taitano's mother, got down. The mother, who appeared very scared, told police she was the caller. She started crying and told police about her son's violent behavior when on drugs.

One officer went inside the

flying offense.

Moots said this is reinforced by the fact that Nowell's now counsel, Brown-Blackburn, did not initiate removal proceedings against Nowell when she was the AG—the official responsible for overseeing the CNMI's immigration enforcement activities.

Moots, who is now based in Guam, filed the *amicus curiae* after Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho invited him and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement to participate at the hearing of Nowell's petition.

Amicus curiae (friend of the court) refers to a brief filed in court by any entity who is not a party to the case. Camacho said Nowell's case has far reaching ramifications beyond this individual case.

In his reply, Moots asked the court to deny Nowell's petition.

While he also served as chief

prosecutor for the CNMI and supervised the attorneys who litigated removal actions, Moots said the only individuals who faced removal proceedings did so for violating their work permit conditions.

"During that time, no attempt was made—to the best of counsel's knowledge—to deport someone based solely on a prior conviction," he said.

Therefore, Moots added, the only advice he then provided to Nowell was that a conviction might result in his deportation.

Moots said Nowell's claim that he should have been advised of the potential consequences of his conviction under the immigration laws of the U.S. fails the requirement set in the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Padilla case.

In the Padilla case, the high court ruled that counsel must inform the criminal defendant of the consequences of his plea under the federal immigration statutes because these laws controlled whether Padilla would remain in the U.S.

However, Moots said, Nowell

ell's ability to remain in the CNMI, where he still claims he wishes to remain, was not controlled by federal immigration law in 2002.

Therefore, he said, to meet the requirements laid forth by the U.S. Supreme Court, Nowell needed to know the immigration consequences under CNMI law, not federal law.

Moots noted that in 2002 he had no way of knowing that seven years later, the CNMI would lose control over its immigration process and become subject to federal law. He said his failure to anticipate this huge shift in the political landscape seven years after his representation of Nowell can hardly be seen as ineffective representation.

Moots said Nowell further claims that that his representation was ineffective because a plea to a different charge was not obtained.

Moots said Nowell does not claim that at any time the OAG was willing to allow him to plead to a misdemeanor, which has a maximum possible sentence of six months.

Moots said the reality is that Nowell, if convicted of kidnapping, would have faced a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

Therefore, he said, obtaining a plea with a maximum possible sentence of five years significantly reduced Nowell's sentencing exposure.

Moots said a review of the sentencing transcripts show that the assistant attorney general who was present argued to the court for the sentence of five years.

"This further demonstrates the fact that Mr. Nowell would never have been offered a plea to the misdemeanor he claims his defense counsel should have negotiated for him," he said.

Moots said based on the reality of the situation at the time Nowell entered his plea, his defense counsel complied with all requirements necessary to provide him effective representation.

On Feb. 6, 2002, Nowell pleaded guilty to attempted rape pursuant to a plea agreement with the government. He was subsequently sentenced to two

years in prison and served the jail term.

Nowell is now facing deportation after Immigration Judge Clarence M. Wagner Jr. issued a decision on Jan. 13, 2015, ordering him to be deported to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Last May 21, the 54-year-old Nowell, through Brown-Blackburn, filed in court an emergency petition to vacate his conviction.

Brown-Blackburn said the petition "provides a remedy for those suffering from the lingering collateral consequences of an unconstitutional or unlawful conviction based on errors of fact and egregious legal errors."

Nowell has resided in the CNMI since the early 1990s and has adopted a U.S. citizen son, who is now 9 years old.

To allow the 2002 guilty plea without being properly advised of any adverse immigration consequences constitutes a violation of the NMI Constitution, the 6th Amendment and the Commonwealth Rules of Criminal Procedure, Brown-Blackburn said.

Minor went back into the bedroom and allegedly punched and slapped her in the face several times. He also allegedly pulled her hair then dragged and kicked her. He also grabbed a broomstick and hit her with it in the head repeatedly.

When Minor walked to the kitchen, the wife pulled her daughter with her and they both ran to a neighbor's house where she used a phone to call the police.

Police arrested Minor later that afternoon. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Man allegedly beats up wife with broomstick

An argument allegedly led a 44-year-old man to beat up his wife and repeatedly hit her with a broomstick at their residence in Kagman on Friday afternoon.

Theofilus O. Minor was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$6,250 cash bail on Minor and

set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 22 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nebit was appointed as counsel for Minor. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government.

Police detective Dee Liza S. Udui stated in her report that two police officers responded on Friday at 2:48pm to a reported domestic violence incident in Kagman.

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US must step up and accept more Syrian refugees

Like much of what guides U.S. policy in these times, the debate over accepting more refugees is guided by dollars and a corrosive dose of xenophobia.

Anyone who has caught a glimpse of the news understands the need. More than 4 million Syrians have fled that ruined nation. Most of them are packed into camps in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. Others, along with thousands of Iraqi citizens and migrants from other nations, are boarding unstable rafts, crawling under razor-wire fences and breaking through barricades to get to Europe.

The worldwide apparatus for helping refugees is overwhelmed, and European nations are working feverishly to bring some kind of order to a nearly impossible situation.

America's inadequate response so far has been to take in 1,500 displaced Syrians as part of the 70,000 refugees it plans to accept this year from around the world. As the crisis escalates, the nation needs to do much more.

President Barack Obama's administration has asked Congress to include funding for an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees in next year's budget. That's a small drop in a bucket of need. But even that modest request set off yelps from some Republicans about the dangers of admitting possible Islamic terrorists.

People who sound that alarm either willfully or unintentionally misunderstand the process. Every refugee who enters the U.S. undergoes a rigorous security screening process. Nearly all have spent years in camps. Those selected are generally highly motivated or extremely vulnerable—widows with children, for example.

The U.S. should respond to the crisis by at least doubling this year's quota of 70,000 refugees. There is precedent for such a leap: The nation dramatically increased its numbers to respond to the fall of Saigon, famine in Ethiopia and upheaval in Cuba.

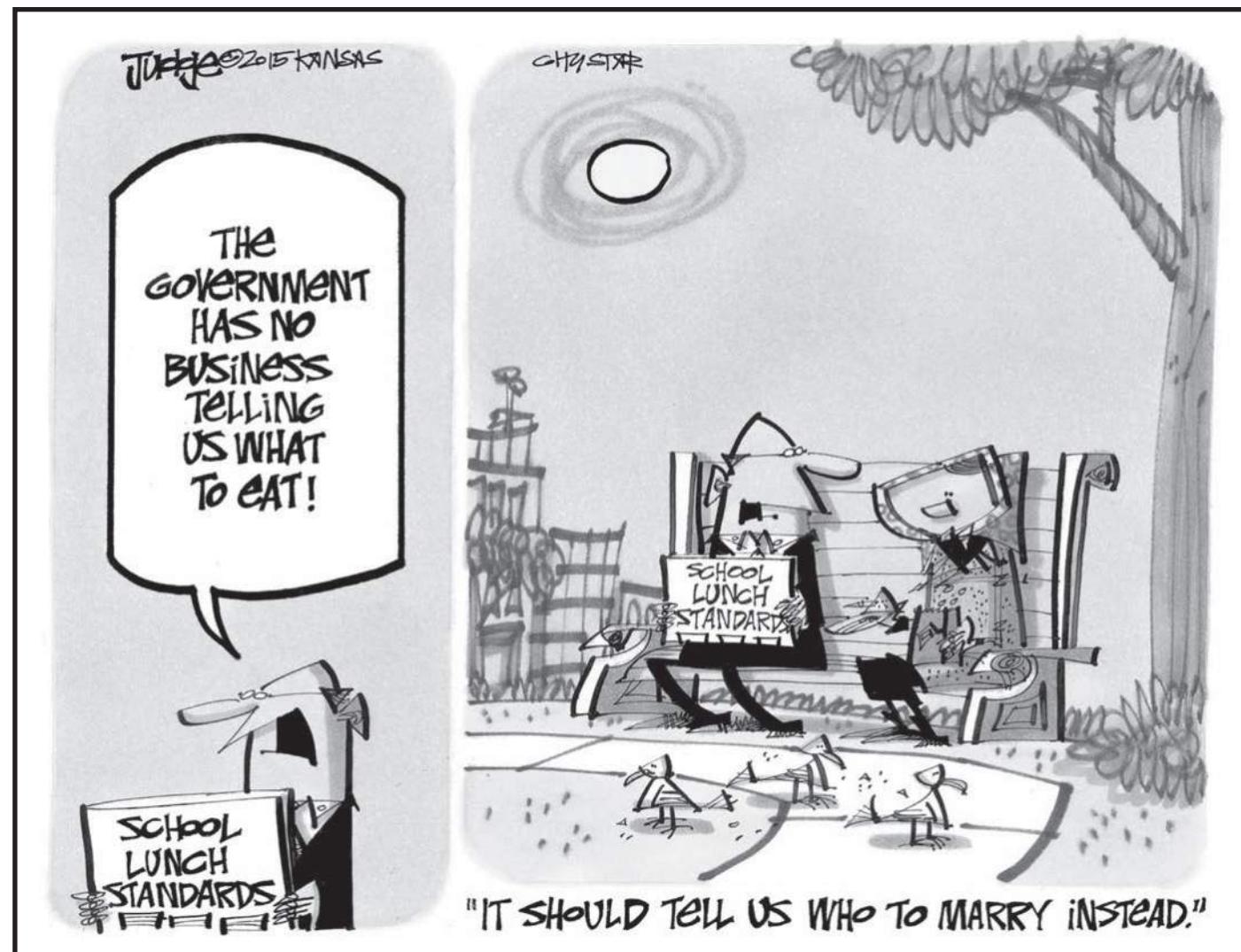
The reasons to do so are compelling:

- Many displaced Syrians are educated and can quickly contribute to the U.S. economy.
- More resettlements would get people out of refugee camps and help preserve stability for crucial U.S. allies like Turkey.

- In the eyes of the world, the U.S. holds a large share of responsibility for creating the Syrian refugee crisis. To sit back while other nations shoulder the burden generates more anti-American sentiment that we can't afford.

The reason not to do our share is based on fear and stinginess, poor grounds on which to respond to an international crisis.

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My old Tar Heel home

With Kim Davis back to her elected position as clerk of court refusing to issue licenses for same-sex unions, we add that to Bluegrass State notoriety, including bourbon, the scent of tobacco marketed in candles that mimics the curing ambience of autumn, basketball of the Wildcats (along with the Tar Heels and the Cavaliers; we do not need to spell this one, save honor the late 60-year-old chairman of the board Moses Malone who went straight from HS in Virginia to the NBA) and horses (nor this). Tobacco now assists in producing antibodies in Ebola vaccines, but that's a leaf of a different color.

I was in Kentucky before I realized that the school I attended, the town where we were located, and I, were not a fit. Two years later, I moved where the Piedmont sloped into the Atlantic that planted tobacco. I was in Tar Heel country.

OK, "tar heel" is not from tobacco, though we all know that "tar" is an ingredient of the tobacco we smoke and chew. Tar to the Brit's actually came from burning pine logs for colonizers' fuel when they settled in Virginia and the Carolinas.

"Tar heels" was once pejoratively used to refer to members of the lower economic class. Ill-mannered poor whites pounced on blacks as the North contrasted to the South being a haven for former indentured slaves. Incidentally, in Calgary last year, I heard the bitumen-rich tar sands referred to as "oil sands." An MIT alum colleague in Houston, an energy specialist, discredits the sleight-of-hand and makes sure what came down Keystone XL to Houston is tar, the same stuff we use to patch the road in the spring.

"Tobacco," from the Arabic *tabbaq* for "herbs," was grown as early as a millennium BCE in the Americas, smoked by the Native Americans of the northwest, the Caribbean, and the northern part of South America. A peace pipe with burley was passed around at the cessation of hostility among warring factions.

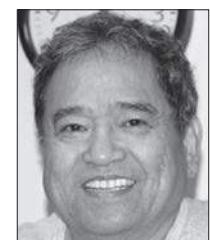
Light Virginia tobacco came later, and after the health scare of the late '90s and the decline of tobacco sales, growers altered the plant's genetics so the Y1 would produce twice the normal amount of nicotine to increase folk's addiction. Leave it to commerce to find a dubious profit angle.

It was during WWII that tobacco became king to the GIs. American issue of C-rations included packs of cigarette and chewing tobacco. When marching soldiers took a break, they were instructed to light up; if one was on night duty, one chewed the stuff since lighting up might invite a shot from a hostile source. Tobacco was definitely part of the culture of pacifying nerves. Smoking was part of one's attire in the '60s.

Our vet friend remembers riding a choo-choo shortly after WWII where the lady across the aisle, staring out the window,

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kept repeating, "it's a pity, it's a pity." He inquired what the lady meant, and she said that the fields used to be planted with corn but has since been taken over by the cash crop of tobacco. At the time, cigarette was \$2 per carton, the cost of a female company for the night. With a wry smile on the sly, our vet claims, "I cut down on smoking."

My grandma rolled her own tuba in Ilocandia where both the burley and the Virginia variety were raised after the American occupation. She lived to be 95, my Dad's mom. A non-smoker, he lived to be 95, and my Mom turns 95 this month in Hawaii; longevity is in the genes, not on the abstinence.

I smoked for 10 years, preferring the cigarillo, shifted to the best selling horseman that Phillip Morris marketed when I went stateside, discovered in Canada the French and Brit whiff, so to be prudent I lop off almost a decade of my life expectancy and am gunning to last until I turn 86. More than 20 years of tar in the lungs, I am still aiming for Dec. 15, 2031, for my final keel over, probably puffing a French Imperial into oblivion!

I am not daring fate. If the heart quits beating anytime before I am 86, c'est la vie; if I am still breathing after, that's the Way Life Is (YHWH). I will take it one way or the other, non excusari a reservation (if you will pardon my non-Catholic Latin).

Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia remain as the top growers of tobacco in the U.S. but the winds of change made Phillip Morris shift its market to China where every office of provincial government peddles its own brand of cigarettes, raising China's count on death from preventable disease up the ceiling. A 7-year old was shown on TV chain smoking. In our policy of Red Comme containment, a GI humorously opines, "If we could not neutralize those Chinks with lead, we'll tar them."

I cold turkey'd in '84, not out of any high-minded reasons; I just got too sick to smoke. I discovered that I kinda enjoyed the smokeless ambience. Intimacy was gracefully enhanced, social distance was no longer noticeable, and people got a hell of a lot friendlier. Sans cover of eau de cologne, eau de toilette, I smelled respectable declining a flick of a click on a stick.

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Inipos silensiu Na Eku!

Gi sumen katma yan silensiu na noche hu huñgog nachatsaga na eku tadtuñg gi papa' tanu'. Kulan mohon matomba dose miyas na pidason achu' halom gi Pacific Ring of Fire ya tinampe fotten napu enteru i tanu' gi sanmena.

Ume' ensinahyau-yu' taiguhe naufragu na pasaherun mapuan batku. Fatigau ya gi hilu' achu' uttimu hu hassu' nai estabayu'. Siente dia i maipen somnagy' pumañgon. Sige ta'lu hu batsalan naihōn tatautau hu ume' espiha tautau gi oriya. Ni unu hu soda'.

Sige dispues mañgilulog halom kuestion siha haf' sustansian i guinefiu. Kau mamamaila' un' ira ni dañosu para mayotmiente?

Kau guaha mababa grifun inachatli'e' ni ti mahuchum? Guaha mohon kampu para malimienda i difirensia antes de u sala' i asuntu? Esta ha' sala' i asuntu dispues de matucha i tadtuñg chigu'.

Ti namatman i masusede. Hagas hu nañgan ñaïhon para u pagpag sa' hagas manrikohe manbinenu siha na gaselina. Taiguine masude ni pattidan demokrats 40 tantus años antes.

Pa'gu na biahe maputa' gi entalu' sapottadot Jose (Joe) Ayuyu yan Lt. Governor Rafaet Torres. Kulan lamegai gi offisiales republican mangaige gi tatten Ping. Mauleg na geran dañkulu hafañagu este na estrakadan sanhalom.

Lastima sa' puru sensian gereru 'nai taya' kampu para inadiñgan gi hilu' minenhalom: La kodu na biahe ke la rason. Kasi estake toduna mandañosu 'nai mana' afaisen "haf' lai masusede?"

Este siha na Perlas

'Nai umasoda' dos asut—lañget yan tasi gi sanhaya na banda giya paraisu—gaige un' kadena ni gumugu'ot filan perlas, punta pot punta, entalu Guam yan Maug.

Parehu madiletraña Guam yan Maug lau atlibes. Parehu guatdian

uya Marianas gi kada punta gi enteru atkipelago.

I asut lañget yan apaka' mapagahes umadotna i atuf ridondu gi sanhilu'. I pilan yan miyon na pution umi'ina i lañget gi suenan pueñe.

Pañgpañ napu, freskon mañglu', poduñg uchan, yan katen pajaru gi lemlem tautau i naturat na sunidon tanu'. Mañgontentu i tautau gi lugat niha gi oran sena yan deskansu.

Hu sen agradese tiempu gi inai Lali Fo' gi halom entalu' manmauleg na peskadot yan kapitan galaide'. Humidde na ineyag chumenchulu, talaya, tekin, peskan panag yan fisga. Na' magof!

Gi lanchu, in ' abahu un' lugat dispues in' tutuhon kumuha pre-parsion para sune, mendioka yan kamute. Todu in' chage umapru-becha i lugat ni esta inna' gasgas. Mañge' siniente 'an manhame yan mañeluhu kumusecha hinale' kamute, sune, mendioka yan dagu ni hame mismu tumanom.

I edda' ayu na gualu' muna' fandaña' ham pot nesessidat familia. Ni unu sumeha. Estague' sustansiaña i tanu' natibu, pisun linala' deste antigua na tiempu. Esta pa'gu gagaige ha' este siha na tanu'.

Fuera de sumaga i tanu' kumu pisu, oppan lokue' finana' guen dignu na respetu yan integredat ginen man-amko'ta. Este i dos i mas ma'ug na finanaguen mañainata. Halom plaset spiritun respetu yan integredat 'nai tana' oppan i sensian natibu dignu na finañagu.

Segundo Primera? I para bai' eyag liñguahihu mismu kulan oppan mampos na guaha taigue na ginetden te'chuñg tale gi menahu. Patte hu kikilili' huyuñg naturat 'nai mafañaguyu' ya tiuhu tuñgu' usuña?

Dispues, mas namamahlaus sa' 'nai hu eyag mafañague-yu' usun liñguahihu segundo primera gi hilu' dinage na primera besis i leksion. In' gacha' haf' husasañgan? Atan i modun leksion sa' siempre in' li'e' i doblada siha ni manlache! Pot fabot!

whole life are now privileged to visit the *Man'amko* Center in buses provided for them, to have their morning coffee or tea there, and a little later enjoy lunch. They sing and dance, play bingo, chat with each other to their hearts' content. Here, they love, tolerate, and support each other. Some of them go into poetry, go online and connect with their dear ones using the computer. They are given consultation, help in documents handling and so on and on.

For most *man'amko*, going to the *Man'amko* Center means a lot. It's not only a matter of small support. With their children far away from them, the *Man'amko* Center is the only place where they feel younger and needed again. The building and its surroundings are known to them for many, many years. They witness each other's good and bad, the ups and downs of their lives.

Now, having been suddenly and brutally cut off from this small but dear part of their elderly existence, they just need their home back. Right now, the *Man'amko* Center is still serving

CNMI Museum thanks Saipan Mayor's Office and volunteers

The CNMI Museum extends its sincerest of thanks to Mayor David Apatang and his staff for the significant assistance they extended us with the cleanup.

The Museum sustained significant damage to most of the large trees on the grounds and had significant amount of roof materials wrapped in the trees and blown onto the grounds by Typhoon Soudelor.

The Saipan Mayor's Office staff spent two days loading and re-

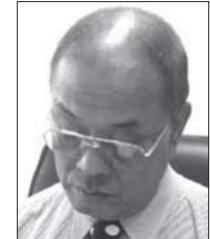
moving the very large piles of debris that had been amassed over the last several weeks. They also assisted cut and remove some of the larger trees that remained uncut, and removed large amounts of roof material.

You could not find a harder-working and more accommodating group of people, working from morning through the close of day, in the sweltering heat, with only a short break for lunch, and this was taken next to their equipment.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



Dispues, hu li'e' gi ñietus yan ñietas siha na taya' timiñgu' niha finu' Chamorro. Desde oga'an manfinu' Eñglis estake mandeskan-sa. Manunog i finu' tanu' gi iphone, ipad, laptop yan heku' haf sihan na pad ni guahu umapase. Dios mihu!

Mattu gi triste na hiniyuñg bapot gi sagua' iya Tanapag pumañgony' un' tatalu' pueñe. Kareran uttimu despedida gi liñguahen natibu! Na ti guaha esta pa'gu man-e' esalau pot direchon tautau tanu'? Haf' sustansian programan miju? Mauleg in' esplika para i publiku!

Gi mismu tiempu, sessu mañguentos pot natibu lau ni unu gai programa kabales haf' mafafama. Kulan huegon choñgka. 'An hokog pueas tama' magpu' gi huegu. Hanau ya un' afgue' hau mas afog puede suette i mama' ni un' kachet hau gi lataftaf. Dios mihu!

Tihu tuñgu kau kustumbre gi natibu i mampos ti ma'ug gi pinetisigen haf' probichosu para todus. Ha tutuhon dispues ha sotta ya ma'pos ha chogue otru kosa siha. Dudayu' kau estague' finanaguen mañainata. Gaige giya hita mismu i para ta pulan mañan yan heñiun manera 'nai ta chocogue che'cho'ta. Debi tana konsiste yan fitme desde tutuhon esta'i uttimu!

as a temporary evacuation center. The shelterees having gotten proper FEMA support, they are now leaving the shelter and, supposedly, it is only a matter of days before the *Man'amko* Center can welcome the elderly again.

Many *man'amko* cannot wait to get back to these comfortable premises. The friendly staff of the Office on Aging, led by Mr. Manglona, an energetic gentleman who really cares for the *man'amko*, is ready to be more of service to their respectful and adored clientele.

The *Man'amko* Royalty and the *Man'amko* Council are happy with the upcoming reopening of the *Man'amko* Center and are full of energy to help the Office on Aging in getting our home back to being as beautiful as ever.

Diego Pua

Tanapag, Saipan



We also extend thanks to Cathy Rosario Perry and Barry Wonenberg for volunteering for many days in the cutting and clearing of debris, and to Paul Ackerman and New Garapan Market for the much welcomed cold beverages, and Best Sunshine, for making possible some of the assisting cleanup staff.

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MONDAY



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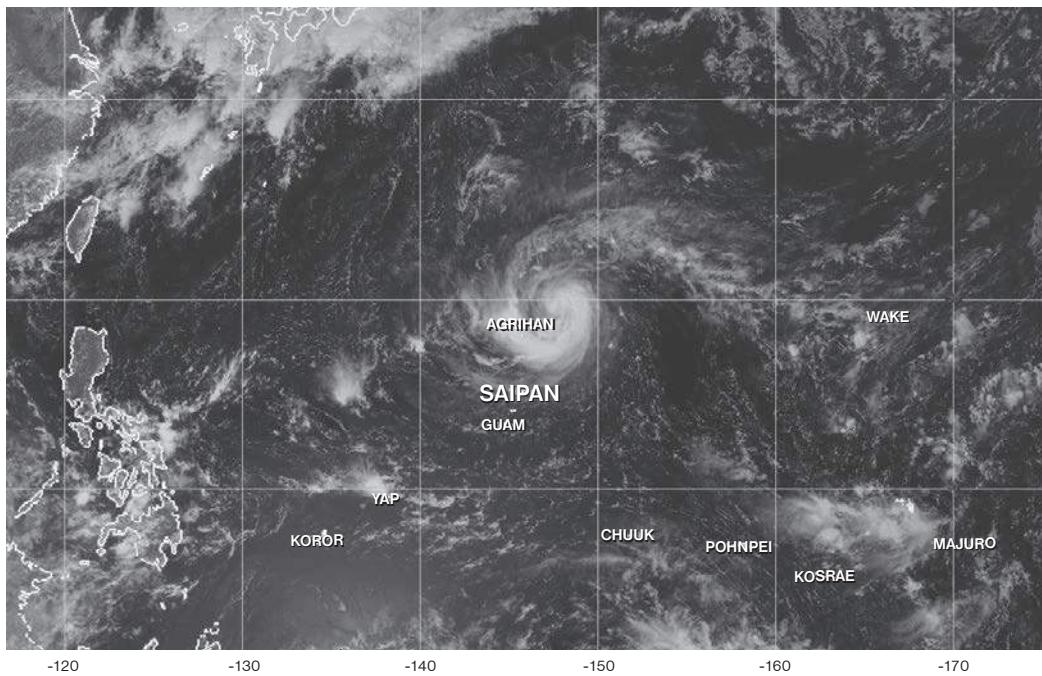
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Krovanh (20W) is 330 miles north-northeast of Saipan and 160 miles east-northeast of Agrihan near 19N148E with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph and moving northwest at 10 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are within 125 miles of 18N148E and between 19N and 20N from 142E to 146E and within 75 miles of a line from 22N151E to 19N159E. For more information on Krovanh, refer to bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs northeastward from the central Philippines across 13N130E to Tropical Storm Krovanh at 19N148E then curves southeastward to a tropical disturbance centered near Kwajalein at 9N168E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Yap are within 50 miles of 10N138E and north of Yap within 75 miles of 15N137E and along the equator south of a line from 2N137E to 4N153E to 2N161E. Low-level convergence toward the disturbance near Kwajalein is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 50 miles of a line from 12N158E to 8N163E and near Kwajalein within 100 miles of a line from 8N163E to 8N170E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▾ 76
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 79
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▾ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▾ 77
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 76

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
11:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:46 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:55 AM	8:52 PM
Friday	9:44 AM	9:35 PM
Saturday	10:33 AM	10:20 PM
Sunday	11:24 AM	11:08 PM
Monday	12:16 PM	11:59 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701</td

Kilili and friends raise \$11,000 for Karidat

With the goal of providing relief to survivors of Typhoon Soudelor, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), his wife Andrea Sablan, and friends teamed up with Karidat Social Services in a privately-organized effort to deliver food, butane, and other supplies to families and individuals in need. Altogether, in-kind and cash donations amounted to \$11,023.31.

A three-week online fundraising drive on Indiegogo.com raised \$7,188 in cash donations to Karidat, exceeding the initial target goal of \$5,000. Sablan and his wife also donated \$3,835.31 worth of butane canisters for cooking, which Karidat distributed in care packages through the parishes of the Catholic Church and in home deliveries.

Sablan thanked all the individuals who gave generously through the online drive—more than 60 individual donors in all, many of whom reside off-island.

"Typhoon Soudelor was one of the worst natural disasters we've seen in decades," he said, "and we had many friends off-island asking, 'How can we help?' We told them this was one way: to donate to Karidat, one of the most respected charitable organizations on the island, with a proven record of effectively providing disaster relief and services to the people who need them. We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, and we thank Karidat."



From left, Karidat executive director Lauri Ogomoro, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Judy Pangelinan, Margaret Aldan, Andrea Sablan, Ernest Guerrero, and Emi Camacho.

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dat for the great work they do."

Karidat executive director Lauri Ogomoro also expressed her appreciation. In the days and weeks that followed Typhoon Soudelor, Karidat delivered care packages and other supplies to more than 3,000 families as part of the organization's mass distribution program with the Catholic parishes. Hundreds more have been assisted with relief supplies since then through home visits by case-workers and volunteers.

For more information about Karidat or to make a donation, contact Ogomoro at 234-5248 or lauri.ogumoro@karidat.org. (PR)

Palau state reps trained on initial damage assessment post-disaster

KOROR, Palau—Palau state representatives are currently undergoing a three-day training to conduct initial damage assessments after disasters using the National Emergency Committee-adopted Initial Damage Assessment form.

The development of the Initial Damage Assessment form and training is funded by the European Union's Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project, which is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

The training, facilitated by SPC's Geoscience Division, adopts training materials that have been delivered across the Pacific since 1995 and incorporates the latest thinking in disaster risk management.

Participants from the 16 states of Palau were appreciative of the efforts to standardize the assessment forms given the challenges faced during the responses to typhoons Bopha and Haiyan in 2012 and 2013.

Typhoon Bopha inflicted

damage estimated around \$6.3 million while the Typhoon Haiyan damage bill was estimated to be around \$8.5 million.

The new form and training will help ensure that state offices can better coordinate assessments of all affected families in their state jurisdiction and submit the information to the National Emergency Operation Center within the first 24 hours after the impact.

The timely availability of sound damage information will assist the National Emergency Operation Center to better prioritize and coordinate distribution of humanitarian assistance to victims.

Anguau representative Ken Uyehara said that Anguau was assessed very late after Bopha as the assessors were deployed from the capital, and by involving the state, it will ensure that timely assessment is carried out and humanitarian needs identified promptly.

The training concludes on Sept. 18. (SPC)

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From left, American Red Cross NMI Chapter board chair Tayna Beleyu-Camacho, executive director John Hirsh, American Red Cross Disaster Relief Operation director Scott Underwood, DIAL Rent-to-Own CEO Daniel Singh, and DIAL Rent-to-Own Saipan branch manager Alex Villazon.

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (04)

- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
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- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Hemodialysis Technicians (05)

- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

Water Treatment Technician (02)

- Must be able to perform task which may not appear difficult at first glance, but requires a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain
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- Understand plumbing code and plumbing techniques
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- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

Building Maintenance and Repair (03)

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- High School Graduate or Equivalent

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Admin: Birthright citizenship not a fundamental right in US territories

In June, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rejected claims brought by five passport-holding Americans born on U.S. soil in American Samoa to be recognized as citizens. In July, these so-called "non-citizen U.S. nationals," along with the Los Angeles-based Samoan Federation of America, petitioned the full D.C. Circuit for rehearing en banc. Yesterday, the Obama administration responded to the petition, continuing to argue that birthright citizenship for Americans born in overseas territories is a privilege to be extended or withheld by Congress, rather than a constitutional right guaranteed by the Citizenship Clause of the 14th Amendment.

"We initiated a fundraising drive for the victims of Soudelor. For every dollar our customers donated toward the relief effort, DIAL Rent-to-Own matched it. We are in this together," said Daniel Singh, chief executive officer of DIAL Rent-to-Own.

"It's our mission to assist those in need and we can't accomplish our mission without the support of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors," said John Hirsh, executive director of the Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter.

To date, the American Red Cross has assisted over 12,000 people in the CNMI, providing close to a million dollars in direct financial assistance, and over 1.2 million dollars' worth of food, water, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. In addition, the Red Cross has provided nearly 32,000 meals and snacks. (ARC)

U.S. territory for more than 115 years, with a casualty rate in Iraq and Afghanistan more than seven times the national average—is merely an "outlying possession of the United States."

"The decorated veterans we represent who were born on U.S. soil in American Samoa have a hard time understanding how they can be a passport-holding Americans but not be recognized as citizens. The Framers of the 14th Amendment certainly understood its guarantee of birthright citizenship to apply throughout the country—states, territories, and the District of Columbia alike," said civil rights attorney Neil Weare, who argued the case

in February and is president of We the People Project, a non-profit that advocates for equal rights and representation in U.S. territories. "It's disappointing that the Obama administration continues to argue against a constitutional guarantee of birthright citizenship in the territories—home to more than 4 million Americans."

People born in American Samoa are currently labeled with the inferior status of "non-citizen national," meaning that while they carry the responsibilities of citizenship (and a U.S. passport) they are not guaranteed the benefits and protections of citizenship. A recent mini-documentary examined the impact of this label on an American Samoan community based in Los Angeles, where these Americans are denied the right to vote and even access to certain jobs, even as they are expected to pay the same taxes as everyone else. To enjoy the same rights as other Americans, they are required to naturalize, which can cost around \$700. The denial of the right to vote is not just an individual harm, but also dilutes the voting strength of American Samoan communities across the United States.

HBO's *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver also examined this injustice, criticizing any continued reliance on the *Insular Cases*, something that was cited in a recent decision by the Ninth Circuit.

Three of the *Tuaua* plaintiffs are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, including one who received two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam. Another veteran plaintiff who lives in Hawaii is not only denied the right to vote, but is also denied the right to

own a firearm because he is only recognized as a national, not a citizen. The third veteran served on the front lines during the Liberation of Kuwait, but could only sit and watch as those with whom he served voted in the 1992 presidential election. Another plaintiff lost her job in a government agency after it was discovered that her U.S. passport stated she was not a U.S. citizen.

Notably, the Obama administration did not embrace concerns raised by the American Samoa government and cited by the panel that recognition of citizenship would have any impact on the preservation of land and culture in American Samoa.

"I was at least pleased to see that the Obama administration did not repeat the unsupported claim that recognition of citizenship would have any negative impact on our people's land and culture," said attorney Charles Ala'ilima, who also represents the plaintiffs. "Our forefathers who transferred sovereignty to the United States in 1900 and 1904 and fought to be recognized as full U.S. citizens correctly understood that we could enjoy the benefits of citizenship while still protecting what makes us unique as a people." Also representing plaintiffs is Arnold & Porter, LLP.

Previously filing as *amicus curiae* in support of the plaintiffs were a group of prominent citizenship scholars represented by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Members of Congress and former government officials from U.S. territories represented by Covington & Burling LLP, and David Cohen, an American Samoan who served as the highest ranking Pacific Islander in the George W. Bush administration, represented by Jenner & Block LLP. A group of prominent scholars of constitutional law and legal history, represented by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, filed on behalf of neither party, but argued that the *Insular Cases* should not govern this case.

It is expected that the D.C. Circuit will rule on the plaintiffs' petition for rehearing *en banc* in the next several months. If the petition is granted, a new round of briefing may follow. If the petition is denied, then plaintiffs will consider whether to appeal the panel's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. (We the People Project)

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Sapphires pass as diamond in case of mistaken identity

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



DEAR ABBY: Last year I gave my new (at that time) girlfriend, "Alyssa," a pair of earrings for her birthday. They were in a box from a department store marked "fine jewelry." She loved them and became emotional in expressing her gratitude. I thought it was because it was the first piece of jewelry I had ever bought for her.

When she opened the box I explained that they were her birthstone—sapphires—but WHITE sapphires. In her excitement she must have missed that part.

The earrings are large—maybe one carat apiece. Yesterday I overheard my granddaughter ask Alyssa if they were real diamonds, and Alyssa told her yes!

I kept my mouth shut when she said it, but now I understand why she was so excited when she first saw them. She cherishes the earrings and has told me numerous times she will never take them off.

I want to make this right, but I'm afraid she'll feel embarrassed because she must have told her girlfriends and family I gave her diamond earrings—which I didn't. Abby, what do I do?

LOVING BOYFRIEND IN VIRGINIA

DEAR BOYFRIEND: You should straighten this out with your girlfriend, but do it privately. After that, let her disclose the fact that her diamond earrings are really sapphires at her discretion—or not.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's daughter and her husband are in their early 40s. When they invite us to visit them, there is never any preparation or advance planning. They provide no clean sheets or towels. If they order out, they expect us to pay.

When they visit us, they leave beer cans in the bookcases, devour all snacks without asking, etc. Their house smells strongly of pet odors. If we opt to stay in a hotel, they are offended.

Every occasion revolves around drinking alcohol, and lots of it. I'll have one drink, so they won't say I am uptight and feel uncomfortable around me. My husband is intimidated by his strong-willed daughter, and wishes this just would all go away.

There have been many, many more incidents and overall generally narcissistic and rude behavior. My husband wants a relationship with his daughter. What to do?

JUST WANTS TO RELAX

DEAR JUST WANTS: You either grin and bear it—and that includes laundering your own sheets and towels when you visit—or send your husband to visit his daughter alone.

DEAR ABBY: A very good friend of mine had a face-lift. I'm out of the country, so I have only seen pictures of her. I don't think it looks good at all. It looks fake and, in my opinion, has ruined her looks.

What should I say when I see her or when she asks me directly what I think of it? I hate to lie, but I don't want to hurt her feelings.

HONEST FRIEND

DEAR HONEST: Sometimes people can be "too" honest, so be diplomatic if you are asked directly. Tell her you always thought she was beautiful—inside and out—and thought she looked great before, but if she's happy with the result, that's what's important.

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Pilot NCD survey delayed to February 2016

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

A Division of Public Health pilot survey for non-communicable diseases that was supposed to start this month will instead be conducted in February 2016.

The survey, the results of which will serve as the baseline data for health in the Commonwealth, is being delayed due to the recent Typhoon Soudelor that devastated Saipan on Aug. 2 and 3, according to DPH NCD Bureau administrator Becky Robles.

"Due to the typhoon we have to delay the implementation of the survey. It won't take place this year. It would be insensitive of us to go out and survey the community

when the community is still recovering," she said.

"Aside from that, people's behaviors have potentially been altered, whether it's a change in diet and/or exercise, or smoking more due to a stressful living situation, to name a few. We are hoping to implement the survey by February 2016," Robles added.

She noted, though, that the survey questionnaire itself is already done.

"The extra time has allowed us to finish up a few supplemental documents for the training such as the trainer's manual and other necessary documents. We are continuing to finalize protocols, manuals, training materials, among others and aim to have everything final and ready to print by the

end of December so that we are ready to implement by February," she said.

Not only will the pilot survey help determine the prevalence rate of NCDs in the CNMI, but it will also capture better and accurate data among adults.

It will also be a baseline survey on where the CNMI is health-wise and would help the Commonwealth Health-care Corp. determine its priorities and what programs are needed. The results would also be helpful in creating policies and introduction of legislation.

The pilot survey will be for adults 18 and over. It will be

done via door-to-door. It won't target every house in the village but only a percentage of residents. The survey will include Rota and Tinian as well.

Questions will pertain to mammograms, Pap tests, colonoscopy, general health questions, smoking, alcohol, betel nut chewing, food consumption, drinks such as sugar-sweetened beverages, and physical activity, among others.

Blood sugar, cholesterol, and blood pressure checks will be done on the spot. The survey involves more than 100 questions and will take 45 minutes to answer.

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WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

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3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

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1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

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1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

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DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

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- (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

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Lester throws complete game, Cubs split doubleheader



PITTSBURGH
(AP)—Jon Lester limited the Pittsburgh Pirates to five

hits while picking up his first complete game of the season and the Chicago Cubs earned a doubleheader split with a 2-1 win on Tuesday night.

The Pirates took the first game 5-4 when Pedro Florimon scored on Starling Marte's sacrifice fly in the eighth, but they couldn't complete the sweep as the Cubs pulled back within four games of Pittsburgh for the top spot in the NL wild-card race.

Lester (10-10) walked one and struck out nine while picking up his 12th career complete game. David Ross and Javier Baez had two hits each for the Cubs.

J.A. Happ (9-8) had his five-game winning streak end. Happ pitched in and out of trouble, allowing two runs on eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. Aramis Ramirez had two hits but Pittsburgh's rejigged lineup mustered little against Lester.

Nationals 4, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Stephen Strasburg gave up one hit and equaled a career-best with 14 strikeouts in eight dominant innings and Bryce Harper hit two homers as the Nationals beat the Phillies.

Strasburg (9-7) allowed only a single to Cody Asche leading off the bottom of the fifth—a hard grounder to right field. He has 27 strikeouts in his last two starts.

The hard-throwing righty struck out the side twice and fanned eight of the last 12 batters he faced. He was still firing 96 mph fastballs in the eighth. Blake Treinen tossed a 1-2-3 ninth to complete the shutout.

The Nationals have won three straight, but it's seems too late to catch the NL East-leading New York Mets.

Marlins 9, Mets 3

In New York, Jacob deGrom was hit hard during a rare dud at home against one of his favorite opponents, and the Marlins stopped the Mets' eight-game winning streak.

Mets nemesis Dee Gordon homered and had four hits to back Tom Koehler, who plunked Yoenis Cespedes in the first inning and then helped silence the streaking slugger the rest of the way.

New York's commanding lead in the NL East was trimmed to 8 1/2 games over Washington, which beat Philadelphia 4-0. The magic number remained 10 for the Mets to clinch their sixth division title.

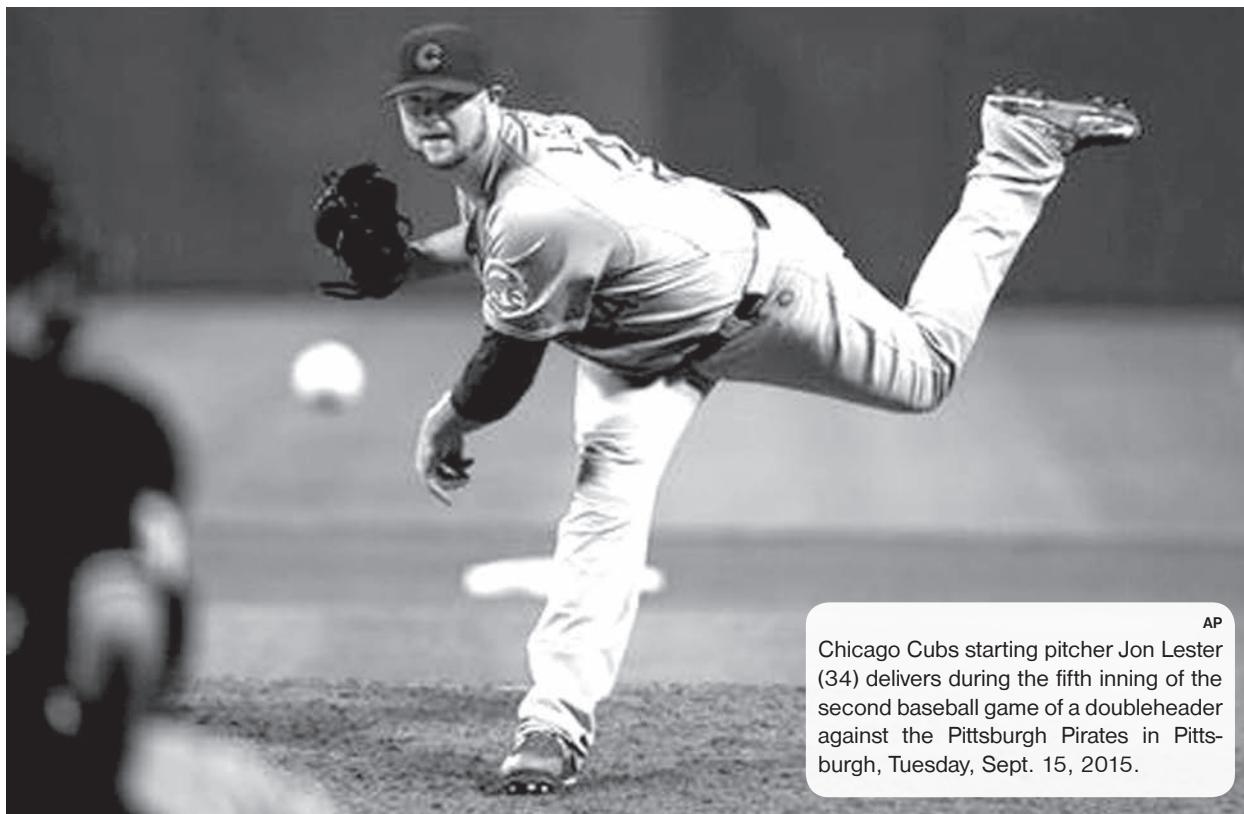
Christian Yelich had three hits and two RBIs following a surprise meeting with his "Saturday Night Live" doppelganger, and Justin Bour also had three hits and two RBIs.

Rangers 6, Astros 5

In Arlington, Texas, the Rangers overtook the Houston Astros for first place in the AL West, winning another tense Texas showdown on Mitch Moreland's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Adrian Beltre's fourth hit put the Rangers in position to win a night after Prince Fielder pulled them within a half-game of the Astros with a tie-breaking two-run home run in the eighth. Houston had been in first place since July 28.

Fielder opened the ninth with a sin-



AP
Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jon Lester (34) delivers during the fifth inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015.

gle to left off Oliver Perez (2-3), and pinch-runner Drew Stubbs went to third on Beltre's third single. Moreland sent a 1-0 pitch from Will Harris to Colby Rasmus in shallow center field, but Rasmus' throw was off target and bounced, allowing Stubbs to score easily.

Texas closer Shawn Tolleson (6-3) pitched a scoreless ninth as the Rangers (77-67) moved into first place for the first time this year, at a season-high 10 games over .500. Houston (77-68) holds the second AL wild card.

Royals 2, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Kris Medlen pitched five-hit ball over 6 1-3 innings and Alex Rios hit a home run that launched some unintentional fireworks, leading the Royals to a win over the Indians.

Medlen (4-1) stifled the Indians before Royals manager Ned Yost turned things over to his top-ranked bullpen. Ryan Madson struck out two in the seventh, Wade Davis got through the eighth and Greg Holland worked around a two-on, no-out mess he created in the ninth for his 31st save.

Rios homered in the fifth inning off Josh Tomlin (5-2) for the Royals, who won for just the third time in 11 games as they close in on a probable AL Central title.

The Indians, who pulled back to .500 for just the second time since April by winning the series opener, fell to 13-6 since Aug. 25.

Rays 6, Yankees 3

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Nick Franklin hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the sixth inning and the Rays beat the AL wild-card leading Yankees.

Hobbled Alex Rodriguez and Greg Bird homered for the Yankees, who remain three games behind AL East-leading Toronto, which lost 3-2 at Atlanta.

Franklin, who entered when shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera left after four innings with a left knee strain, put the Rays up 4-3 on his homer off Nick Rumbelow (1-1). J.P. Arencibia made it 6-3 on a two-run single in the eighth.

Rodriguez hit his 32nd homer this season and 686th of his career off Jake Odorizzi (8-8) in the first hours after the team learned he is playing with a bruised left knee. Rodriguez moved past Craig Biggio into sole possession of 21st place all-time with

his 3,061st hit.

Braves 3, Blue Jays 2

In Atlanta, Andrelton Simmons' tie-breaking RBI single in the ninth inning snapped a 12-game home losing streak and the Braves beat the AL East-leading Blue Jays.

Toronto began the night with a three-game lead over the New York Yankees, but the Blue Jays, despite the majors' best record since the All-Star break, have lost two straight.

The Braves ended the longest home skid in franchise history. They began the game 14-46 overall since July 8.

Aaron Sanchez (7-6) took the loss, allowing four hits, one run and striking out one in 1 1-3 innings.

Arodys Vizcaino (3-1) faced the minimum in the ninth to earn the win.

Blue Jays sluggers Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista went a combined 0 for 8 with four strikeouts. First baseman Edwin Encarnacion, Toronto's other big bat, missed his second straight game with an injured finger.

Tigers 5, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Victor Martinez had three hits and two RBIs, and the Tigers beat Phil Hughes and the Twins.

James McCann also had three hits for Detroit, and Alfredo Simon (13-9) pitched into the seventh inning. Bruce Rondon allowed a run in the ninth before finishing for his fifth save.

The Tigers (66-78) were officially eliminated in the AL Central after winning the division title each of the last four years.

Minnesota (75-69) is contending for an AL wild card, but Hughes (10-9) lasted just three innings in his return from a month-long stint on the disabled list with a back injury.

Athletics 17, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Josh Reddick homered and drove in four runs during a 10-run fourth inning to power the Athletics to a rout of the White Sox.

Billy Butler had three hits and three runs batted in, and Eric Sogard and Jake Smolinski each had a pair of RBIs as the Athletics snapped a six-game losing streak against Chicago.

Reddick had a two-run homer and a two-run single in the big inning. The 17 runs were the most by the A's since they

scored 18 on Sept. 11, 2013, against the Minnesota Twins.

Aaron Brooks (2-3) allowed six runs on 10 hits in six-plus innings for the win. Brooks had been 0-3 with a 14.14 ERA in his last five games in the majors with an opponents' batting average of .439 before Tuesday.

Melky Cabrera had a homer and three RBIs and Alexei Ramirez had a solo homer for the White Sox.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 5, 13 innings

In Baltimore, Chris Davis singled in the winning run in the 13th inning, and the Orioles got home runs from Manny Machado and Steve Pearce in a victory over the Red Sox on Tuesday night.

The Orioles have won six of seven to keep alive their narrow shot of earning the second AL wild-card spot.

Gerardo Parra led off the 13th by drawing a walk from rookie Jonathan Aro (0-1). Machado singled, advancing Parra to third, and Robbie Ross came in to face Davis.

Davis lined a 2-1 pitch past the drawn-in infield and into right field to collect his 107th RBI and end the 4-hour, 20-minute marathon.

Chaz Roe (3-2), the seventh Baltimore pitcher, worked the 13th to get the win.

Boston used nine pitchers, limiting the Orioles to one hit from the sixth inning through the 12th.

Cardinals 3, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Jason Heyward hit a line drive two-run homer in the 10th inning to lead the Cardinals to a victory over the Brewers.

St. Louis has won consecutive games following a 2-8 skid and increased its lead in the NL Central to three games over second-place Pittsburgh.

Kevin Siegrist (7-1) pitched the ninth and Trevor Rosenthal the 10th for his 44th save.

Carlos Martinez matched a season high by going eight innings. He struck out nine and gave up one earned run and four hits, as the team improved to 16-4 in his last 20 starts.

Milwaukee lost its fourth straight game and has just 10 victories in its last 36 home games against St. Louis.

Matt Carpenter led off the 10th and reached on an error on by first baseman

Adam Lind. With one out, Heyward connected off Tyler Thornburg (0-2) for his 12th homer.

Angels 4, Mariners 3

In Seattle, David Murphy hit a three-run homer and Mike Trout added a solo shot to power the Angels to a victory over Felix Hernandez and the Mariners.

Murphy, hitting leadoff for the first time this season, hit his ninth home run off the top of the wall in right field in the third inning. Hernandez (17-9) had hit David Freese to open the inning and Carlos Perez, who had three hits, reached on an infield single.

Trout connected for his 36th homer in the sixth on an 0-2 pitch from Hernandez, who went seven innings, allowing four runs and five hits, striking out five and walking two.

Nick Tropeano (2-2), in his fourth stint with the Angels and making his fifth start this season, worked five innings for the victory, allowing two runs and four hits with five strikeouts and three walks.

Joe Smith finished the ninth for his third save.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 4

In Phoenix, A.J. Pollock's three-run homer led the Diamondbacks to a victory over the Padres.

Pollock drove the first pitch from reliever Kevin Quackenbush into the left-field seats. Quackenbush had just entered the game for losing pitcher Bud Norris (1-2).

The Diamondbacks scored five runs in the inning and batted around off four Padres relievers, spoiling a good performance from Padres starter Tyson Ross, who struck out nine and allowed a run on four hits in six innings.

Randall Delgado (6-4) got the win in relief, ending the seventh with a strikeout of Wil Myers, the only batter he faced.

Down 3-1, the Diamondbacks cut the lead to one on a run-scoring triple by Nick Ahmed. The ball bounced under left fielder Justin Upton's glove and went to the wall. Then after Norris walked pinch hitter Aaron Hill, Pollock hit his home run.

Reds 9, Giants 8, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Todd Frazier hit his 34th home run leading off the 10th to make up for a costly throwing error an inning earlier, and the Cincinnati Reds held on for a wild victory against the Giants that snapped San Francisco's four-game winning streak.

Frazier connected against Sergio Romo (0-5).

Aroldis Chapman (4-4) recorded five outs for the win despite his third blown save. Jumbo Diaz earned his first career save, finishing the 4-hour, 2-minute game.

Buster Posey hit a tying RBI single in the ninth as the Giants evened it up following Frazier's wild throw to first after the third baseman made a diving stop on Matt Duffy's infield single, allowing a run to score.

Defending World Series champion San Francisco lost for the first time in five games on this key nine-game homestand. The Giants began the night 7 1/2 games behind the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers and 6 1/2 games back of the Cubs for the second wild card.

Leina feels weird with new role

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Surreal is what Leina Kim describes her experience of being not on the greens and playing in the inaugural event of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference 2015-2016 season.

Kim made her season debut as one of Lady ThunderWolves head coach Josh Koschke's three assistants. Rick Ewing and Matt Porter are the other two assistant coaches.

The Lady ThunderWolves already played two tournaments in the Fall season—the Farmers Insurance Samuel Proal Invitational, which they hosted at the Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo last week, and the recently concluded RMAC #1 at the Fox Hill Golf Club in Longmont, Colorado.

"It was weird not being able to play at first but after a while I was more focused in helping the girls around the greens and with hitting their shots," Kim told *Saipan Tribune*.

"We worked a lot on the course management and with the mentality, trying to stay calm throughout the round," she added.

The Lady ThunderWolves, composed of three rookies and two juniors, finished fifth overall in the RMAC #1 with a two-day total of 76-over 652.

Former Mesa Community College Thunderbird, in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association, Jacquelyn Porman was the top finisher among the Lady ThunderWolves.

She shot a 15-over 159 to finish tied for 10th with Montana



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Leina Kim, front row second left, enjoys a light moment with members of the Colorado State University-Pueblo men's and women's golf teams.

State University Billings' Bailee Dexter and Naomi Yamada of champion Colorado Mesa University (51-over 627).

Veteran Natasha Navarro, who was part of last season's runner-up squad, and freshman Jolene Kam ended up tied for 24th with a 24-over 168.

Tori Goodman, the third rookie on the Lady ThunderWolves' roster, carded 26-over 170 to share 34th place with four others.

"[Three] girls are all new so

they were very nervous about their first tournament. The results were better than expected and I am so proud to be a part of the team in some way," said Kim, who maxed out her playing years after RMAC and NCAA Division II counted her one year of studying at a community college in Virginia and red-shirting for CSU.

"There were complications in the past that popped up early this year. I still have a year of school left and while I'm con-



tinuing my education, I will be practicing with the team and get the training I need to further my career in golf. I hope to qualify for the LPGA in August next year," added Kim.

Kim, a three-time RMAC Golfer of the Year and CSU-Pueblo's 2015 Female Athlete of the Year, only played for two seasons with the Lady ThunderWolves but made a huge impact in the school's women's golf program.

Kim and the Lady ThunderWolves travel to the Cold Water Golf Club in Phoenix, Arizona for the Mustang Intercollegiate on Sept. 21 and 22 and will end September with the Preview tournament at the Commonwealth Golf Course, which will host the 2016 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship, on Sept. 28 and 29, in Aurora, Colorado.

RMAC's fall schedule ends with the RMAC #2 Tournament at the New Mexico Golf Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Oct. 12 and 13. The NCAA Division II finals is set on April 17 to 19 next year at Scottsdale, Arizona.

4 more players to suit up for CNMI in Laos

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Chamber before leaving the host country last Tuesday and entrusting the squad to fellow manager Eric Abragan.

"The boys are in good spirits though. The addition of the four new players should give a little boost. They are looking forward to the game against Philippines, while they prepare for Laos," the older Chambers added.

The CNMI U16 National Team was scheduled to challenge Laos last night at 7pm (10pm Saipan time) and results of the match were unavailable at press time.

The Commonwealth bets will have its last game this Sunday against the Philippines.

Pending the results of last night's matches, Timor-Leste leads the Group G qualifiers with its 2-0-0 win-draw-loss record. Malaysia is in second place with its 1-0-0 mark and 13 goals, followed by Laos (1-0-0 and six goals).

The Philippines and CNMI are both winless in two games, but the former is slightly ahead in the standings with its one goal against the latter's none.

The top finisher in the group after the round-robin play will earn a slot to the finals along with the winners in the 10 other pools and four best second-placed teams (combined groups).

Tonga to work on available resources

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The 2019 Tonga Pacific Games Organizing Committee said they could not match the scale of Papua New Guinea's hosting of the quadrennial sporting event but confirmed they are ready to put on a show.

Tongan National Olympic Committee secretary general Takitoa Taumoepeau, in an interview with the *Fiji Times*, said that he is optimistic that Tonga will be ready to host the Games in four years time setting aside doubts by certain sectors from their community.

Taumoepeau, who observed how Papua New Guinea organized the XV Pacific Games this year, added that they are aware of the size of the sporting event in Port Moresby.

"They have 28 sports in their Games, we only have 26. Secondly, the facilities and venues,

I think at our Games we are only having a couple of new projects where they've built new facilities, but the majority of it is renovations and upgrading of facilities," said Taumoepeau.

"We will conduct the games within our means and with the resources we have at home," added Taumoepeau, who was part of Tonga's bronze medal-winning cricket team in the 1991 Pacific Games in Port Moresby.

He said Tonga, in hosting the 2019 Games, in no way would be the same as the way it was hosted in Port Moresby. The Papua New Guinea organizing committee spent almost 60 million kina (US\$23.06 million).

"I can say that in our bid we kind of have a thing about a walking games. What we proposed, or what we plan for in 2019, is just concentrating on two main sporting clusters. So we can work something around those kinds of principals."

Tonga came up with the "walking games" term since most of the sporting venues are within walking distance to each other.

Taumoepeau said that every Pacific Games has its own uniqueness, which Tonga would capitalize to show to its Pacific Island neighbors and to the rest of the world.

The opening and closing ceremonies alone, he added, will be Tonga's statement where it would show the culture and the country of the Pacific Island nation.

"We still remain the only constitutional monarchy in the South Pacific. So, we are proud of it. We will work around those kind of concepts," Taumoepeau said.

Tonga Prime Minister Akilisi Pohiva, along with Tonga Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee vice president Ahongalu Fusimalohi, in separate interviews expressed concern with their country's hosting of the Pacific Games.

ings involving Hard Kulangot versus Wag Kang Pabebe and Makalaro Lang against Purple Rain. This Sunday, Oh My J will duel Kidlat in the first match, while Red Rice faces Wag Kang Pabebe in the second tiff.

Makalaro Lang 82 — Devero 26, Moises 14, Velasco 13, Peredo 10, De Leon 10, Buenabajo 6, Morales 2.

Eh Di Wow 61 — J. Reyes 15, Santos 14, Pagarao 13, Itaas 6, Cortez 4, Espinosa 4.

Scoring by halves: 42-28, 82-61.

started in the second quarter of this year and it began with each player having one initial chance to challenge anyone in any position on the ladder. If the player loses that challenge match, he/she will then be placed on the bottom of the ladder and has to challenge to move up. The new ladder participant who wins that initial match moves into the position of the player he/she just defeated.

In the boys division, Morris Villanueva has the top spot and is joined in the Top 10 by Choi, Colin Ramsey, Lizama, Ren, Schorr, Song, Tudela, Tony Kim, and Izuka. Others on the list are Steven Goodwin, Woo Sun Cho, Steven Lee, Haruya Eda, Joshua Abragan, Aditya Rai, Jimin Woo, Allan Lee, Jeffrey Seo, Brian Kim, Sean Lee, Seung Jin Paik, Daniek Kang, Richard Steele, Chris Kim, and Anthony Gregoire.

In the girls division,

Mikayla Lopez leads the 20-player field. Carol Lee is at second place, followed by Negahr Rastgui, Isabel Heras, Tania Tan, Julia Ishikawa, Ami Tsukaguchi, Mimi Sakano, Malika Miyawaki, and Conatsu Kaga. Rounding out the group are Asia Raulerson, Ericka Tuttle, Coume Kaga, Maria Gregoire, Erie Ortega, Ellie Epley, Maaya Sato, Hyejin Elliot, Susan Samban, and Soleil Lamar.

"The ladder has never stopped. It's an ongoing, never-ending event, similar to the ITF rankings/ ATP Tour, except for Saipan players only. The problem now of course is courts. AMP (American Memorial Park) is down and hotel courts aren't made available to the public so it's difficult. Hopefully AMP will be up and running soon," said Beling, who is also the ladder games coordinator.

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Two coaches on top of tennis ladder

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Coaches Jeff Race and Luke Beling are ahead in Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's ladder tournament.

Race is at the top spot of the men's 40-and-above division, while Luke Beling has the same achievement in the open category. Rankings are based on the results of challenge matches in each division.

The CNMI national coach is ahead of Raj Rai, Dong Min Lee, Ken Imaya, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Nicky Nichols, Gary Ramsey, Eric Abragan, Steve Jang, David Lochabay, and Di-ony Peralta.



In the open division, the Saipan Tennis Academy coach is on top of Moris Villanueva, Bobby Cruz, Race, Peter Loken, Tommy Choi, Colin Ramsey, Raj Rai, Dong Min Lee, Mikayla Lopez, Negahr Rastguyi, Luther Lizama, Ken Imaya, Jimenez, Nichols, Gary Ramsey, Eric Abragan, Michael Ren, and Robbie Schorr. Others on the list are Ken Song, Vin-

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Makalaro Lang reclaims solo lead



Makalaro Lang's Ivan Devero, second left, seen here losing possession as he is double-teamed by Hard Kulangot players during their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging at the Navy Hill court, scored 26 points in their 82-61 spanking of Eh Di Wow.

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 Ivan Devero reported back for duty and powered Makalaro Lang to an 82-61 demolition of Eh Di Wow during their game last Sunday in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League at the Navy Hill court.

Devero, who did not play in Makalaro Lang's 47-58 loss to Oh My J, scored 26 points to put his team back on top of the leaderboard. Makalaro Lang holds a 4-1 record ahead of Oh My J, Hard Ku-

langot, and Wag Kang Pabebe, which are tied for the second spot with similar 3-1 slates.

The Makalaro Lang main gunner drilled his team's first basket and continued to cause trouble to Eh Di Wow's defense all throughout the match. By the end of the first half, Devero had already knocked in 14 points and lifted Makalaro Lang to a promising 42-28 halftime lead.

Makalaro Lang never looked back from thereon, as Devero also drew a lot of help from his teammates. Four

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Scratchies CEO: Money goes to NMSA

By JON PEREZ
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The chief executive officer of Pacific Lotteries Pty Ltd. assured that the money collected from the popular Scratch Card Lottery goes directly to the Northern Marianas Sports Association's funds that aims to help Commonwealth athletes in off-island sports events.

"NMSA receives a percentage from ticket sales and the principal use of these funds earned will be used for helping CNMI athletes participate in off-island sports competitions,"

said Pacific Lotteries CEO Stephen Gibson in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"And the representation of the CNMI in international sports events such as the recent South Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea, which Team CNMI represented us proudly," added Gibson. "We look forward to your continuing support of NMSA and our sports community."

He, however, did not answer how much money was already transmitted to NMSA. *Saipan Tribune* tried to get NMSA president Michael A. White's

opinion but he has not yet responded.

"We receive our proceeds on a regular basis, which is very satisfactory and the community has responded enthusiastically to our fundraising appeal to help support the sports community," said Gibson.

Asked whether the money that NMSA received from the sales of the tickets would also be used for the renovation of Saipan's sports facilities that got damaged or where destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor last month, Gibson said the Federal Emergency Management Agency is currently making an assessment.

"Regarding our sports facilities, Typhoon Soudelor has caused extensive damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to these facilities. FEMA is currently assessing the exact cost of the damage and we are awaiting their response," added Gibson.

He said that 25 individuals had already won the \$1,000 Instant Scratchies jackpot prize. "And there are plenty more still to be scratched and won. We have more exciting news coming soon and will inform you of such as soon as we can."

The Scratch Card Lottery was launched early this year, where a certain percentage of the sales will fund NMSA's various sports programs in the CNMI, defray costs of its operations, and assist the national athletes' off-island trips.

Revenues collected from bingo, casino, lottery, sweepstakes, and other games of chance are being practiced by countries such as Australia, Guam, and the Philippines.

A portion of the funds spent in the Philippines' sports development programs come from the income generated from the money collected from the casinos that the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. operates.



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The scratch card lottery system has been so far successful in raising funds that would help the Northern Marianas Sports Association. From left, NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi, president Michael White, and secretary Rose Igital at the launching of the Instant Scratchies earlier this year.